

A

REVIEW

OF THE

STATE

OF THE

BRITISH NATION.

Saturday, November 18. 1710.

THE Subject of this Paper is now the Falling of the Nations Credit. In my last, I directed my Discourse to the *Whigs*; those that have a due Sense of the Nation's Safety, and of their own Interest and Concern in it, cannot but submit to the Reasonings on this Head, and must own, it is their true Interest to Support the *publick Credit*; and that every step they take to reduce it, is a Degree of Self-Murder, speaking of them as a Party.

The *Tories* come next — And they have had their Share in the Wound given to the Honour and Credit of the Nation — CREDIT, my Favourite Mistress, of whom

I have so often spoken to you, under the Allegory of a Lady, has really been barbarously Treated on both Sides, among us — The Whigs have endeavour'd to Starve her, and the Tories to Ravish her — Negative kissing is nevertheless as compleat a Murder, as any other Way — And I have been as plain with them, in telling them so.

But *Tou Tories*, have assaulted this Beautiful Virgin Lady, with all the Violence of a Ravisher, like the Men of Benjamin, on the *Levites Concubine*; you have brought your whole Rabble upon her, and attack'd her Chastity — Wonder no more she is
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fled from you, she abhors Tumult and Disorder; breaking of Windows, Ranging the Streets with Clubs and Staves, insulting Government, pulling down the Meeting Houses, and burning Men going in the Streets; these are her Aversion, to that Degree, that in short she *never did*, she *never will*, she *never can* live, where they are practis'd.

It is observable, we were told in the publick Papers, that in the Queen's Answer to the Lieutenantcy's Address, her Majesty was pleas'd to recommend two Things to them — 1. Keeping the Peace; 2. Supporting the Publick Credit; I have nothing to say to the Question, how proper Persons they are to do either; but this is to my present purpose: Her Majesty knows very well, and 'tis a Royal Testimony to the Justice and the Connection of what I am saying — That they depend upon one another.

In short, Gentlemen, if you will Support Credit, you must keep the Peace — If the Wind of Parties blows a Storm, the Vessel, Credit, will suffer a Shipwreck; no Peace, no Credit; if you will build up Credit, you must pull down Mob. As Sage in your Gardens, they say, thrives best, when Rue is Planted next it, because it keeps off Poisonous Vermin; so the Plant Credit, grows not, but when set by the Shrub Peace, because it keeps off the Ruinous Rabble from it, which is its Poison, and Destroyer.

And really, Gentlemen, this is the great Article, that proves what I have been saying — You talk of a *Tory High-Flying Party*, who boast they have got the better of the *Whigs* — Their Victory is never Compleat, till they have Conquer'd this Lady of mine, and brought her to like their Company, and dwell among them — And do you think they are such Weak-headed People, as to think this is done by Noise, Tumult, Riot, and Rabble? — No, — depend upon it, till you lay down your Mobbs, till you declare your Detestation of Rabbles and Riot — She will never come among you — Credit, like all Mankind, covets Safety — And

where is that Safety to be found, but in Peace? — Who will trust a Nation, or a Government, or a Party, Agitated and Agitated by an Ungovern'd, Riotous, and Raging Rabble? Will any wise Man plant his Family in low Grounds near the Sea, where are no Fences or Banks, to keep the Ocean from driving in upon every Storm, and overwhelming them? Can you think Credit will fix her Abode, where that unbounded Ocean, the Rabble, is open to her, and no Banks of Law or Government, to keep that Ocean from Overthrowing and Drowning her?

Let no Men deceive themselves in this Case; let what Ministry, or what Government soever be uppermost, till they make the People EASIE and quiet, they shall never restore our Credit — Keep the Peace, and take Care of the Credit — It had been as proper, if it had been said, Restore the Credit, by Keeping the Peace; for you may as well build a House without Timber, as build up Credit without Peace —

Wonder no more, I said these *Sons of Riot*, the Clergy, who in so many Places have inflam'd the Poor People in this Nation, and who have prompted them, neither to endeavour for Credit, or to think it material, they will be most certainly mistaken, and disappointed and defeated, in the approaching Parliament, of all their *High-Flying* Expectations — Can these Gentlemen be so weak? Indeed, what cannot they that excite the People to Rabbles, be capable of? — But if they can be so weak as to imagine, the Members of Parliament can Countenance the Rabbles and Tumults of this Party — This very Thing may help to undeceive them — The Parliament have a War to carry on, an Alliance to Support, great Taxes to Levy, great Demands to make good; they must be anxious for the Publick Good, and to Support the Publick Credit — And how must that Credit be rais'd, but by keeping the People EASIE, removing their Fears, answering their Difficulties, and satisfying them

them, as to the Safety of their Liberties and Estates.

To talk of Credit to a People Jealous, Unrascie, Disturb'd, and Apprehensive— That cannot see their Feet stand fast, that know not what to trust to, and that neither know where to secure their Persons or Estates; is to make Musick to one that has no Ear, or Saucies to one who has lost his Taste— If the Parliament expects to raise Credit, as no doubt they do, they must endeavour, as no doubt they will, to keep all the People *ease*, to convince them of the Safety of their Properties, of the Resolution to keep Sacred all the Publick Credit, and the Funds, on which the Estates of the People are Adventur'd— When this is done, Credit will take up her Dwelling here again; and my Life for yours, she never comes before— 'Tis contrary to Sense, to Nature, and to the known Practice of this Coy Lady, in all Parts, and in all Ages of the World.

If the Parliament, or if the Government will restore Credit, they must Establish and Confirm Peace among us, I mean Party-Peace; Peace at Home, Neighbourhood, Confidence in one another, and quiet among one another; in Peace alone dwells Safety, in Safety Satisfaction, in Satisfaction Credit—No Peace, no Credit; without Peace among our selves, without the People are made *ease*— And not only are really safe, but believe themselves so— Unless we are quiet, and the Enjoyment of Property made comfortable, you may talk what you please of forcing Credit, I speak it with all imaginable Respect and Duty, not the *Queen*, not the *Parliament*, not all the Arts or Powers of Government in the World can force Credit— It is impracticable, it is not in the Nature of the Thing.

The *Parliament*, or the *Government*, then cannot Countenance or Encourage the Tumults and Riots we speak of— It cannot be, it is absurd to suggest it, and 'tis very

absurd in those we speak of, to expect it— Yet it is apparent, they do expect it— And therefore it is, I say all along, they will be disappointed, they must be disappointed.

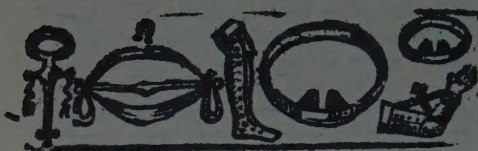
I confess I have often wonder'd, as I have gone through several Parts of this Kingdom at the Time of the late Elections, with what an unaccountable Stock of Ignorance, not to say Assurance, a Party of People among us, who having first push'd the poor People upon Tumults, Breaches of the Peace, and all manner of Disorders, could promise them Countenance and Impunity, from the Parliament, or from the Queen— Can they say that either of these, in whom the Center of Power rests, can in the least, consistent with their own Being, Nature and Constitution, approve of, or join with them?

Alas! Mob and Government, are Fire and Water; Rabble and Constitution, are Darkness and Light— They can no more consist together, than these can mix'd— Or than these can Incorporate— 'Tis the most incongruous Thought, that ever could be entertain'd, that an Unestablish'd Nation— a Land of Confusion, can produce Credit, which is the Fruit of Order— If you want Credit, you must down with all Mobbs— No more Rabbling of Meeting Houses, or Bombarding of Glass Windows— No more Huzzaing of Criminaks, Processions of Tories, or Cavalcades of Insolent Priests; these Things will never add one Enble to the Statute of our Credit, nor ever yet did so.

But if you will make the People *ease* their Minds quiet, their Property secure their Persons and Liberties safe; Things may yet return in their usual Channel, and this Beautiful Lady, *Credit*, may yet once more be persuaded to come and dwell among you.

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